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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1 and 8-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13 and 15-17 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,8-12,14 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

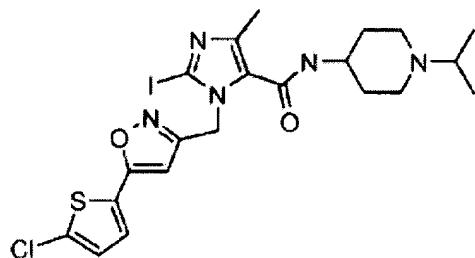
Claims 1, 8-18 are pending in this application.

Claims 13, 15-17 are drawn to non-elected invention.

Claims 2-7 are cancelled

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects with traverse the invention of group I, claims 1, 8-12, 14, 18. The traversal is on the basis that the newly added claim 18 "is clear and distinct." This is not persuasive for reasons set forth in the Restriction Requirement. In response to Applicant's contention that groups II and III be rejoined, such would be rejoined in accordance with the Rejoinder Clause in the Restriction Requirement. In addition to the election of group I, Applicant also elects the following species:



wherein in formula I, R^o is

substituted isoxazol-3-yl, R1 is H, R2 and G are direct bonds, R3 is methyl, R4 is I, Q is methylene, V is piperidine and M is isopropyl. Therefore, claims 1, 8-12, 14, 18 are being examined in part subject to the election made by applicant.

Status of Claims

The Office has reviewed the claims and disclosure to determine the scope of the independent invention encompassing the elected compound (compounds which are so similar

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thereto as to be within the same inventive concept and reduction to practice). The scope of an independent invention encompasses all compounds within the scope of the claims, which fall into the same class and subclass as the elected compound, but may include additional compounds, which fall in related subclasses. Examination of the elected compound AND the entire scope of the invention encompassing the elected compound as defined by common classification results in the following:

In formula I, R1, R2, R3, R4, V, G and M are as defined in claim 1, Q is methylene, R⁰ is substituted isoxazol-3-yl, the substituents on the imidazole ring are attached to it as in the elected species. As a result of the election and the corresponding scope of the invention identified herein, the remaining subject matter of claims 1, 8-12, 14, 18 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, under 37 CFR § 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected subject matter. The withdrawn compounds are patentably distinct from the examined invention as they differ in structure and element and would require a separate search. In addition, a reference, which anticipates the examined invention, would not render obvious the non-examined subject matter.

Claims 1, 8-12, 14, 18 are objected to for containing non-elected subject matter. To place the claims in condition for allowance, the claims must be amended within the scope of allowable subject matter set forth above under Status of Claims.

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Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Taofiq A. Solola, PhD. JD., whose telephone number is (571) 272-0709.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph McKane, can be reached on (571) 272-0699. The fax phone number for this Group is (571) 273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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